(b) For Injury:

	Major	Minor
Adult	Rs. 1,00,000	Rs. 40,000
Child (below 12 years)	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 20,000

(c) For Permanent disability:

	More than 50%	Less than 50%
Adult	Rs. 3,50,000	Rs. 1,00,000
Child (below 12 years)	Rs. 1,75,000	Rs.50,000

(d) For damage to property: As assessed by the competent civil authority.

SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2002

*231. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2002 has been sent by the Government of Karnataka for Presidential assent;

(b) if so, when was it sent; and

(c) what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill for Presidential assent was received on 28.05.2003.

(c) The President's assent to the Bill was conveyed to the Government of Karnataka on 18.08.2003.

Acquisition of land from farmers for defence use in border towns of Jammu & Kashmir

*232. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Wil the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have acquired lands from farmers in the border

towns of Kathua, Hira Nagar, Samba, Vijaipur, R.S. Pura, Bishna and Akhnoor in Jammu and Kashmir for laying mines;

(b) whether Government are aware that in Tehsil R.S. Pura in Jammu, some 4000 kanals of land are under mines, but, farmers have not been paid any compensation so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to pay compensation to farmers who have lost their lands and depend solely on the compensation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) An area of approximately 29,488 acres of land was temporarily occupied by the Army in Jammu & Kashmir, including the border towns of Kathua, Hiranagar, Samba, Vijaipur, R.S. Pura, Bishna and Akhnoor for operational requirements, including laying of mines, in connection with Operation Parakaram. Out of this, an area of 25,214.53 acres of land has now been vacated.

(b) An area of approximately 1,925 acres is still under occupation of the Army for operational requirements, including laying of mines, in Tehsil R.S. Pura. The farmers are being paid compensation for lands occupied by the Army.

(c) An amount of Rs. 14,64,70,128/- (Rupees Fourteen crore sixty four lakhs seventy thousand one hundred twenty eight only) has been placed with the Deputy Commissioner of Jammu District for disbursement to the farmers of Tehsil R.S. Pura. Out of this, Rs. 8,41,37,746/- (Rupees Eight crore forty one lakhs thirty seven thousand and seven undred forty six only) have been paid to the farmers.

The Government have so far sanctioned a sum of Rs. 70,67,54,774.40 (Rupees Seventy crore sixty seven lakhs fifty four thousand seven hundred seventy four and paise forty only) as ex-gratia crop/rental compensation to be paid to the farmers of J&K for temporary occupation of their lands under Operation Parakaram.